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BRIEFING

Anniversary of September 11 Attacks: All papers note that
today marks the second anniversary of the horrific attacks
of September 11, 2001. "Cumhuriyet" notes that September 11
was the day that rocked the earth and caused the American
people to lose their trust in their future and security.
Meanwhile, Al Jazeera TV broadcast a new tape reported to
contain Osama Bin-Laden and his deputy Al-Zawahiri praising
the September 11 attacks and calling on Iraqis to fight
against the Americans.

US Delegation Comes to Turkey to Discuss PKK/KADEK: All
papers and TV channels report that a delegation from the US
State Department will arrive in Ankara today for meetings
tomorrow with Turkish officials. "Vatan" notes that the
visit represents the first step in cooperation between
Turkey and the US to eliminate the PKK/KADEK presence in
northern Iraq. Following his meeting yesterday with
Parliament Speaker Arinc, Ambassador Edelman reminded that
President Bush has promised to eliminate PKK/KADEK, and
confirmed that a US delegation will come to Turkey to
discuss this issue.'

Ahmet Chalabi in Ankara Today: "Sabah" reports that the
chairman of the Iraqi Interim Council Ahmet Chalabi comes to
Ankara today to request Turkish troops. Chalabi's spokesman
had already indicated that the Council would welcome 10,000
Turkish troops to be deployed outside of the Kurdish region,
in western Iraq, under a UN umbrella. "Sabah" draws
attention to Chalabi's remarks, which appear to contradict
this claim. At a press conference yesterday in Baghdad,
Chalabi reportedly said that he will not request troops from
Turkey. Chalabi pointed out that the Iraqi Interim Council's
policy is not to bring more foreign forces to the country,
but rather to reduce the number of foreign forces currently
in Iraq.

\$8.5 Billion U.S.Credit: Following his meeting with the

Turkish Agriculture Minister, U.S. Ambassador Edelman said that details concerning the \$8.5 billion loan will be clarified at the IMF-World Bank meeting in Dubai on September 23-24. "Zaman" reports that markets were encouraged by positive signs on the credit, and that the central bank had to intervene to prevent a further decline in the value of the dollar.

EDITORIAL OPINION: 9/11

"Lessons of September 11"

Sami Kohen wrote in mass appeal Milliyet (9/11): "After 9/11, terrorism has become an international phenomenon. It is not only a serious threat against the US, but for the whole world. Any country should be able to take measures to protect itself. Yet the fact of the matter is that the fight against terrorism cannot be achieved solely through military means. The reasons for terrorism should be evaluated, and necessary economic, social and political steps should be taken as well."

"Weakness and Dauntlessness"

Fikret Ertan argued in the Islamist-intellectual Zaman (9/11): "The perpetrators of 9/11 were targeting the US-Israel alliance. The attack proved the incompetence of American intelligence units. Although the 9/11 attack occurred during the Bush administration, real responsibility should be given to the Clinton administration, which failed to monitor Al-Qaeda and to take preventive measures. However, the Bush administration has continued to make poor policy choices and to implement practices that cannot be justified. . Unfortunately, even today the US continues to ignore the rest of the world and move forward unilaterally."

"Thoughts on September 11"

Fehmi Kuru wrote in the Islamist-intellectual Yeni Safak (9/11): "In the post-September 11 era, the world has become more vulnerable to terrorism. Today the international equilibrium stands at a new low. The US ignores and neglects important human values such as democracy, human rights and the supremacy of law. Blood, tears and agony have become the symbols of 9/11."

"The Ominous Day"

Soli Ozel wrote in the mass appeal Sabah (9/11): "9/11 was an assault against the US, but also against the world system. The US has thus supported the entire world system through its steps to protect world order. After September 11, the United States had a unique opportunity to forge worldwide cooperation on this issue. It is therefore unfortunate the policy to deal with the issue was shaped by the neo-conservatives in the American administration. . Europe has also made a mistake by remaining aloof from the issue. In this atmosphere, the US was drunk with its own power, a condition which led to the unilateral war against Iraq. The US interpreted the 9/11 correctly at the beginning, but later began implementing the wrong kinds of remedies to deal with it."

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